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To Jean Johnson, Jack Rich, Rob Arnaud, Kelly Flynn

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Jean,

I was interviewed by the Montana Standard this evening. They are writing a story about the unsold licenses and that this is the very thing we/MOGA tried to inform Montana about prior to the vote last fall. As we sit tonight, FWP is short nearly 1.8 million dollars from the 17,000 pool and the coming home to hunt pool.

Yes outfitters will work hard to book a few more clients and sell those licenses but the fact remains they did not sell out, there is a short fall in revenue at this time. In my estimation non-resident elk - deer applications are down around 9000 applications. Keep in mind, these licenses go up annually as part of I-161.

Many folks have moved on to other places to hunt, such as Idaho, Colorado or Africa, that give them some feeling of confidence of getting a license. Our preference point bill and Kelly's preference point bill will help restore some of the confidence when applying for a non-resident elk and or deer license in Montana.

I am glad to hear that you have it covered, sorry that it is not looking good for me to be there.

Russ